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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT: John S. Olson et al. § GROUP ART UNIT: 1653  
SERIAL NO.: 09/654,688 §  
FILED: September 5, 2000 § EXAMINER:  
FOR: Hemoglobin Mutants that § Karen C. Carlson  
Reduce Heme Loss §

**ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.27(c)(1))**

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Sir:

Applicant hereby states that applicant is a small entity and that status as a small entity is asserted for this application.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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